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To whom it may concern,

In the below request the phrase 'ethical research policy or statement' refers to any commitment by the university to exclude any collaborative effort, working relations or financial gain from a research project or partnership that has any connection to arms trade companies.

The phrase 'arms trade companies' relates to, but not limited to:
a company that is involved in any capacity in manufacturing (parts or complete), production, sales or exports of weapon systems (including small and light weapons, heavy and conventional weapons, and nuclear weapons) in one or more sectors (including dual-use purpose companies).

I found found the York St John research ethics policy (https://www.yorksj.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/research/ethics-and-integrity/policies-and-reports/), but there is no mention of exclusion of arms companies.

Please may I request the full document for any ethical research policy or statement of ethical criteria within the last five years. Please can these be broken down by year and categorised accordingly:

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- Year of policy/statement release
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- Year
- of policy/statement renewal
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- Name
- of senior management or council or committee that wrote or signed off the statement
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- Name of the council or committee that oversees ethics of research partnerships

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Many thanks,

**Millie Sullivan**
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| **Response** |
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| York St John's Research Ethics Policy can be found at the following URL. This is the University's only ethical research policy: https://www.yorksj.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/research/ethics-and-integrity/policies-and-reports/ |

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